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0167.3 - **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The School Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on Corporation matters.

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every scheduled meeting of the Board immediately following adjournment of a regular meeting.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the procedures of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

A. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

B. The presiding officer may:

1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a person's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
5. waive these rules.

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